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# Land Grant Application- Priest, Joseph (Leominster)

Joseph Priest

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X Copy of a Deed to the  
Heirs of Joseph Priest,  
a Soldier, Lot No. 14 in town-  
ship No. 7. Range west  
of the monument.

Executed 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 1833  
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**Know all Men by these Presents, THAT**

*I whose name is undersigned & seal hereunto affixed*  
appointed an AGENT by the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to make  
and execute conveyances, agreeably to resolves of said Court passed *the seventeenth*  
*day of June 1820*  
and pursuant to  
resolves of said Court passed *the fourth day of March 1828 18<sup>th</sup> day*  
*of February 1829 and 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 1831*

do give, grant, convey and confirm, and by these presents, in behalf of said Commonwealth,  
have given, granted, conveyed and confirmed unto *the heirs of Joseph Priest*  
*formerly a private soldier in the first Massachusetts*  
*regiment commanded by Colonel Vose*

who enlisted as a Soldier into the American Army to serve during the revolutionary War  
with Great Britain, and who was returned as a part of the Massachusetts quota of said  
Army, and who did actually serve in said Army the full term of three years, and was hon-  
orably discharged, and to his heirs and assigns, all the right, title, and interest of said  
Commonwealth, in and unto a lot of land numbered *Four*

situate and lying in a township, in the County  
of *Penobscot* in the State of Maine, *numbered two in the*  
*seventh range of Townships, west of the east line*  
*of said State -*

said lot contains two hundred acres, bounded *on the north by lot number*  
*five. On the east by the town line. On the south by lot*  
*number three. And on the west by lot number sixteen*

according to a plan of the survey of said township made by *Joseph Le Heby*  
*in the Autumn of the year* *eighteen hundred and twenty*  
*nine* and will more fully appear on reference being had to said plan now on file in  
the Land Office.

**To Have and to Hold** the aforegranted premises to the *heirs of said*  
*Joseph Priest* *then* heirs and assigns, to their use  
and behoof forever. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed my  
seal this *Twenty ninth* day of *January* in the year of our Lord eighteen  
hundred and *thirty three*

Signed, Sealed and Delivered }  
in presence of

*C. J. Spelling*  
*John J. Longue*

*Geo W Coffin* 33

*Suffolk ss 29<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1833* Then the above named  
*George W Coffin* appeared personally before me, and acknowledged  
the foregoing instrument by him subscribed, to be his free act and deed in his said capacity.

*John R Bigelow* Justice of the Peace.

State of Massachusetts  
County of Worcester

I Peter Priest do hereby and only, his at Law to Joseph Priest deceased do upon oath testify and declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief Joseph Priest aforesaid about or in the Year 1777 Entered or Entered Into the Service of the United States for the term of During the war in the Regiment of the Massachusetts Line under the Command of Colonel Vose ~~and that~~ he continued in the Service aforesaid until the Close of the War: — When he was regularly discharged from the Regiment of the Massachusetts Line Commanded by Colonel Vose. and further that he was a United States Prisoner at his Decease and that he died in the Town of Litchfield in the State of Massachusetts in the Year Eighteen hundred and twenty four and further that to my knowledge he has never received the Bounty Land promised to him on the part of the State of Massachusetts nor any Compensation therefor. Now all Men by these presents that I Peter Priest aforesaid do hereby constitute and appoint ~~Charles H. H. H.~~ ~~John~~ Greenville in the State of New York to be my true and Lawful Attorney for Me and in My Name to enter from the Military Tract in Maine such Lot or Lots of Land as he shall deem fit and proper and for Me and in My Name to receive from the Land Agent appointed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a Deed or Title of the same In testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this fifteenth Day of October AD 1832

Joseph Priest  
Peter Priest

County of Worcester. ss Oct 15 1832

Before me Joseph E. Kendall

a Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid  
County Personally appeared ~~Henry Priest~~ <sup>Joseph Priest</sup> ~~Subscribed~~  
the within Declaration and in my presence  
acknowledge the power of Attorney then  
to Subjoined to be his free act and deed  
and likewise Made solemn oath to the truth  
of the within Declaration by him respectfully  
Subscribed

Joseph E. Kendall Jus. Peace

Joseph Priest  
Entitled

Lot No 12. 7 R

Witness 29 Jan'y 1873 Received of George W. Coffin  
Clerk of the Comm<sup>y</sup> of Massachusetts etc a  
deed of two hundred acres of land for the  
heir of Joseph Priest — Horatio A. Scotland